

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-5 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hurn (U.S. Pat. No. 3,833,033) in view of Vartiainen (U.S. Pat. No. 4,441,537).

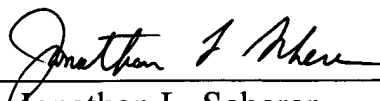
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Miller for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of April 30, 2008. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the amendments to claim 1 to distinguish over the prior art of record, subject to an updated search. If the amendments to claim 1 are found to be obvious in view of new prior art, the Examiner indicated that claim 49 would be objected to and considered allowable if incorporated into independent claim 1.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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